GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:250
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Excellence in Specific Sports
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain districts/States produce a good number of sportspersons in specific sports disciplines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether there is any plan to give more stress and provide better facilities to such districts/States to enhance the performance in such disciplines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *250 FOR 03.08.2016 ASKED BY DR. SATYAPAL SINGH, MP REGARDING EXCELLENCE IN SPECIFIC SPORTS
(a) & (b) Sports is a State subject and, therefore, promotion of Sports is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. The Central Government complements/supplements the efforts of the State Governments. This Ministry does not keep any record/details of sports persons in specific sports disciplines from different districts/States. However, it is a fact that certain specific sports disciplines are traditionally very popular in certain regions of the country. For example, many archers come from Jharkhand, Meghalaya, Nagaland, etc., many boxers hail from Haryana, Manipur, Punjab, etc., many football players belong to West Bengal, Goa, Kerala, Manipur, etc., and many hockey players come from Odisha, Jharkhand, Punjab and Karnataka etc. The majority of the sports persons who perform well at National and International level hail from the state of Madhya Pradesh, Kerala, Punjab, Manipur, Haryana, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, West Bengal and Arunachal Pradesh.
(c) & (d) The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is implementing the Central Sector Scheme named "Khelo India − National Programme for Development of Sports" from the Financial year 2016-17 with the following objectives:-
a) Mass participation of youth in annual sports competitions through a structured competition;
b) Identification of talent;
c) Guidance and nurturing of the talent through existing sports academies and new set up either by the central Government or State Government or in PPP mode.
d) Creation of Sports Infrastructure at mofussil, Tehsil, District, State levels, etc.
The financial allocation for this Scheme in the current financial year, 2016-17 is Rs.140 crore. All the States are covered under the Scheme.
Sports Authority of India (SAI) has set up 5 National Academies in the disciplines of Athletics at Thiruvananthapuram and Bhopal, Cycling and Swimming at New Delhi and Golf at Thiruvananthapuram. 8 more National Academies are planned in the discipline of Archery, Badminton, Table Tennis, Boxing, Hockey, Football, Shooting and Wrestling.
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